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report on the Neuruppin area which gives information on the following: (1) See Kaserne, (2) Gentzrode Training Grounds, (3) Engineer exercise at Molchow See, (4) Road Convoy form the Direction of Gentzrode, and (5) Military Transport Train.

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MILITARYNEURUPPIN: 30 Mar - 15 Apr 56SEE KASERNE

1. On the 3 Apr 56, at 1330 hrs, 4 rocket launchers were seen to leave the EAST side of the SEE Kaserne going towards Fehrbellin through Schlachthof and Trenkmannstrasse. The rocket launching rails were covered by a tight fitting tarpaulin and were seen to be approx. .75 m. in diameter or height. They were bounded  $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{2}{3}$  of their length by transverse strengthening ribs, and they ended about .5 m before the driver's cabin. The vehicles have no registered number, nor were there visible seats for crew.

GENTZRODE Exercise Ground

2. In the last few weeks, three barrack buildings of wooden one-storey construction, each measuring 8 x 20 m. ground plan, have been erected at MR 514 709. They appear to be for the accommodation of troops, since they have normal doors and windows. Furthermore, they appear to have been transported from the SCHWEINRICH training area, since previously there was a regular traffic of lorries between SCHWEINRICH and this point, the lorries carrying barrack building sections.

3. On the 30 Mar 56, between 1700 and 1800 hrs, 7 T 34/85 tanks were observed at exercise in the GENTZRODE Area. Two of these vehicles were undergoing aiming practice at a movable target [redacted] Here, two wooden masts, each 30 m. high, have been erected, 100 m. from each other, and a square target can be moved on wires fixed between the mastheads. The tanks were aiming only at this target, not firing.

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4. The remaining five tanks were firing from pits dug in a zig-zag line at 30 m intervals [redacted] The AFVs fired sometimes singly and sometimes in unison in a NORTHWESTerly direction. It is known that mock-up house fronts lie in the direction of firing.

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5. After the exercise the tanks drove to a newly erected shed [redacted] This shed is open on all sides with 25 x 5 m. ground plan. There are three such sheds in this area.

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6. On the 6 Apr 56, at 1000 hrs, a ferry exercise was carried out over the bottle neck of the MOLCHOW SEE [redacted] using 4 metal pontoons, 4.5 m. long x 1.5 m. wide, with flat stern and sloping prow. These vessels had strengthening ribs within their hulls.

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7. The pontoons were placed side by side at intervals of .5 - .75 m. thus giving an overall deck space of 4.5 m x 8 m (approx.). A mobile crane affixed to a Studebaker lorry was seen swinging a frame onto the pontoons, the frame being of the same dimensions as the deck space and about 20 cm thick. It is to be noted that this frame was preconstructed and painted grey. It did not give the appearance of being of wood but rather of metal. The same crane then swung onto this frame a strong steel metal plate with overall dimensions equal to that of the frame. Further activities on this pontoon ferry were not observed but a motor boat was seen standing by with one man as crew.

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8. 25 - 30 ORs wearing black/purple sbds took part in preparing the ferry, and the affixing of the framework and the deck plating took 10 mins.

9. Also on the 6 Apr 56, at 1025 hrs, a wooden bridge was thrown over the backwater of the RHIN [ ] the material being brought up in 4 Studebaker lorries. This material had been stacked about 100 m. EAST of the place where the bridge was erected, the 4 Studebaker lorries and a mobile crane mounted on a Studebaker coming first empty from the direction of KRANGEN. The vehicles then picked up the material from the stack and drove singly towards the prepared position for the bridge as though on actual war operations.

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10. 50 - 75 ORs wearing black/purple sbds and supplied with two inflatable dinghies were employed on this bridge building, details of which were not further observed.

11. On the 11 Apr 56, at 1330 hrs, a Studebaker lorry was seen taking a motor-boat into the Engineer Depot at GENTZRODE.

12. The final destination of the other material used in this exercise was not observed.

#### Road Convoys

13. On the 8 Apr 56, at 1700 hrs, the following convoy was seen coming from the direction of GENTZRODE and going through NEURUPPIN towards WUSTERHAUSEN:-

(a) One 6x6 APC carrying 5 ORs wearing plain black sbds and with a 2 m. long whip aerial at each side of the driver's bench.

(b) 6 vehicles resembling jeeps, each with a whip aerial 3 m. long, and of the following description:-

Rounded wings.  
Rounded radiator.  
Slightly sloping radiator grid with vertical ribs.  
Sloping wind shield.  
Canvas roof.  
4 seats.  
2 doors on each side.

(c) 11 x ZIS-151 [ ] each with 2 x 4 m. long whip antennae at each side of the backboard. Some of these [ ] carried ORs wearing plain black sbds and some carried supplies.

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(d) 8 ZIS-151 box bodied lorries each carrying 2 whip antennae, 4 m. long, at each side of the rear.

14. The vehicles mentioned in the proceeding paragraph had been seen on the same day at 1100 hrs, scattered about at 150 - 200 m. intervals on the paths and in the woods of the area round NEU GLIENICKE. It was then noticed that a small internal combustion engine was running inside three of the ZIS-151 box bodied lorries.

#### Military Transport Train

15. On the 15 Apr 56, at 0545 hrs, a military transport train was seen standing at NEURUPPIN Hbf. without locomotive. It carried 14 ZIS-151 [ ] 8 x 37 mm and 2 x 85 mm A/Tk guns.

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